## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.      (Currently Amended)  A method for managing data, comprising the steps of:

creating a parameter file that identifies database fields;

establishing a link with a at least one database;

importing bibliographic data from fields in the database based on that are identified in the parameter file;

grouping the imported data into at least one category column in a spreadsheet user interface;

storing the bibliographic imported data as records in at least one internal database;

linking together the corresponding imported data to form a record corresponding earlier stored records and/or groupings;

selecting at least one category group for viewing via said spreadsheet user interface;

retrieving the records from the selected categories groups; and

displaying the records by the selected categories group in said spreadsheet user interface.

2.      (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the imported data is linked to corresponding imported data by a tight link.

3.      (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the tight link corresponds to an access number and/or a patent number.

4.      (Canceled)

5.      (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the groupings of the data are chosen by the user.

6.      (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the groupings are listed in categories named by the user.

7.      (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein data imported from at least one database provide information to each of the patents or documents cited for a particular patent or group of patents.

8.      (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ comprising a plurality of internal databases that each ~~internal database~~ stores a predetermined category of imported data.

9.      (Previously Presented)  The method of claim 1, wherein a said parameter file is created, prior to importation of data, which contains various categories of bibliographic data for an individual record.

10.     (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the data is displayed in a spreadsheet format in accordance with a user's preference selection.

11.     (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the displayed data can be manipulated by a user in order to view the data most relevant to the user's needs.

12.     (Currently Amended)  The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~bibliographic~~ imported data pertains to patents.

13.     (Currently Amended)  A system for acquiring and presenting data, comprising:

a computer that establishes a link with a database and imports data from fields in the database ~~based on~~ that are identified in a parameter file,

a memory that stores the imported data in ~~various groupings and categories~~ at least one grouping that corresponds to a column in a spreadsheet user interface;

an internal parameter that links corresponding data with each other to form a record of data;

a selection component that allows a user to select, via said spreadsheet user interface, particular data of a record and the format of the data for display; and

a presentation device that displays the selected data <u>via said spreadsheet</u> <u>user interface</u>.

14.     (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the imported data is bibliographic data related to patents.

15.     (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the data is linked by the internal parameter according to access number and/or patent number.

16.     (Canceled)

17.     (Canceled)

18.     (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein data may be marked by the user with an indication of priority.

19.     (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the data imported includes the number of references cited to a patent.

20.     (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing a program which executes the following steps:

creating a parameter file <u>that identifies database fields</u>;

establishing a link with a <u>at least one</u> database;

importing ~~bibliographic~~ data from <u>fields in</u> the database ~~based on~~ <u>that are</u>

<u>identified in</u> the parameter file;

grouping the imported data into at least one ~~category~~ <u>column in a spreadsheet</u>

<u>user interface</u>;

storing the ~~bibliographic~~ <u>imported</u> data <u>as records</u> in at least one internal

database;

linking ~~together~~ the ~~corresponding~~ imported data to ~~form a record~~

<u>corresponding earlier stored records and/or groupings; and</u>

~~selecting~~ <u>in response to selection via said spreadsheet user interface of</u> at

least one ~~category~~ <u>group</u> for viewing[[;]]<u>,</u> retrieving the records from the selected

~~categories;~~ <u>group</u> and displaying the records by the selected ~~categories~~ <u>group in said</u>

<u>spreadsheet user interface.</u>